

**ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE**  
**4/5/2023 Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** Augie Pampel, Susan Malan, Ken Bombaci, Glen Jacobsen, Robbie Marshall and Matt Winkler

Augie Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes approved

**Treasurer's Financial Report**

Augie Pampel submitted a treasures report that shows \$10,132.97 in the Sinking Fund and 1,595.00 in the General Fund.

A. Pampel talked to Tracy Celentano, our financial director, and she responded to the objection to Sinking Fund category. She said it will never be used as part of the general fund. Our General Fund, if required, could be.

**Discussion:**

S. Malan still objected to the Sinking Fund designation.

**Correspondence:**

A. Pampel read a letter from the Essex Garden Club saying they would like to donate \$800.00 to the Essex Tree Committee. The \$800.00 check was included.

**Old Business:**

The possible trees sites for 2023 list were reviewed. A. Pampel indicated that F. Weber will start to source some of the trees on the list.

Abutting property owners have agreed to the plantings at:

#1 Laurel Road

#48 River Road

Cobble Stone Court on Bokum Road

Corner of Walnut Street and Main Street, Ivoryton and corner of Clark Lane and Maple Avenue are still being researched.

A. Pampel indicated that when our trees planted in the past start to flush out, he S. Malan and R. Marshall will take a photoshoot ride. R. Marshall will write an article about the Essex Tree Committee and our goals. Also requesting donations.

G. Jacobsen asked about the use of root collars again for tree planted in tight areas. A. Pampel will check with Fred Weber.

A. Pampel told the committee that our EES commitment to plant a tree jointly with the ELT will be happening on Arbor Day, April 25 in back by playground. D. Esty will be at the EES location for discussion with the children.

**New Business:**

A. Pampel thanked G. Jacobsen for sending him the Tree Ordinances from developments in New Jersey. A. Pampel had a conversation with Norm Needleman, our first selectman and State Senator and was told we never want to discourage people from coming to us with new ideas, but the feeling was that having control over trees on private property would not have any support locally, or at the State level.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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